

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

June 7, 2018

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Allen Behl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Richard Bennett, Dale Macheel, and Annette Thompson. Absent was Becky Glewen.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Area Extension Director; Pattie Carroll (8:31am), Family Living Educator; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, Crops & Soils Educator; Marie Witzel (8:35am), 4-H Youth Development Educator; and Amanda Young (9:15am), Dairy & Livestock Educator; and Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board of Supervisors (District #2).

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Thompson, second by Bennett to approve minutes for Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

REVIEW OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES UNDER BUSINESS UNIT 68: Committee reviewed the expenses and deposits as presented.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS FOR JUNE 7, 2018 Chairperson Behl reviewed the per diem sheet for June 7, 2018.

2018 DODGE PRODUCER-LED WATERSHED PROTECTION GRANT PROPOSAL

CONTRACT UPDATE. Dr. Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing updated the Committee on additional funds made available by the State of Wisconsin for the Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant. Jeff Hoffman specified the object codes listed on the *Revenue & Expenditure Adjustment Form*. Ortiz-Ribbing reported on funds used for intern duties and on-farm trials that include inter-seeding activities on participating farms.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR PATTIE CARROLL TO ATTEND 2018 NATIONAL EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, FAMILY, AND CONSUMER SCIENCE ANNUAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2018 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Pattie Carroll reported on digital parenting education and eParenting® High-Tech Kids curriculum. Carroll will be co-presenting curriculum materials nationally at the aforementioned annual session as well as receiving an award for her work in digital parenting education. Motion by Bennett, second by Thompson to approve out of state travel for Pattie Carroll to attend the 2018 National Extension Association Family and Consumer Science Annual Session September 24 – 27, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. Motion carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND IDENTIFICATION OF 2019 DODGE COUNTY NEEDS OR ISSUES, IF ANY, AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES. Committee members identified county needs pertaining to rural poverty challenges: substance abuse; mental health and access to services in mental health treatment; human trafficking; economic development and the increasing gap in equalized property values; civic engagement; broadband internet; water quality & soil health; ag technology; literacy funding for rural libraries; rural employment/labor shortage; affordable housing; the decline of small towns. Committee members identified county strengths: agriculture economy; small town values; accessibility; financial assets through average median income; education – quality school districts and technical colleges; good

roads; natural resources. Jeff Hoffman shared the standard statewide needs assessment form used with stakeholder groups and explained how the form gathers data to create an area report, informs program priorities, and aides with allocation of resources for 2019 and beyond.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR THE DODGE COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR POSITION. The Community Resource Development Educator position and funding realities were discussed. Hoffman reported that Extension cannot afford to fund a full time position. Options include:

- Locating another county or two to share the position.
- Fund a part time position with a focus that includes organizational and grant development with groups or associations around the county.

Discussion included realigning resources to meet the needs of funding an agriculture educator for fiscal year 2019. Russell Kottke requested Hoffman prepare budget numbers for the Committee to review in July regarding funding from Dodge County through UW Extension for an agriculture educator position.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF EDUCATOR REPORTING OPTIONS TO UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The consensus of the Committee is to receive a monthly written educator report included in the agenda packet, plus one educator to present program and education activities on a rotational basis. The Area Extension Director will place specific items on the agenda for reporting purposes. Hoffman notified Committee members of the Inter-County Committee meeting in Baraboo on June 18, 2018.


INTRODUCTION OF SUMMER INTERNS

Connor Schultz, Dairy & Livestock Intern, Cassie Strauss, Healthy Soil-Healthy Water Intern, and Julia Wedel, 4-H Youth Development Intern were introduced to the Committee.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting is Thursday, July 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Behl at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Bennett, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairperson